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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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#### Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 21, 2003, in the above-identified application.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed "OTHER DOCUMENTS" section of Form PTO-1449 filed with the Disclosure Statement dated January 17, 2001 has not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the "OTHER DOCUMENTS" section of Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted and no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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### Amendments to the Drawings:

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Please amend the drawings as shown in the attached replacement sheet. The attached sheet of drawings, which shows Figs. 3 and 4, includes changes to Fig. 3. Fig. 3 has been amended to extend the lead line for reference numeral 38 into the binder (i.e. through diamond-like carbon coating 37).